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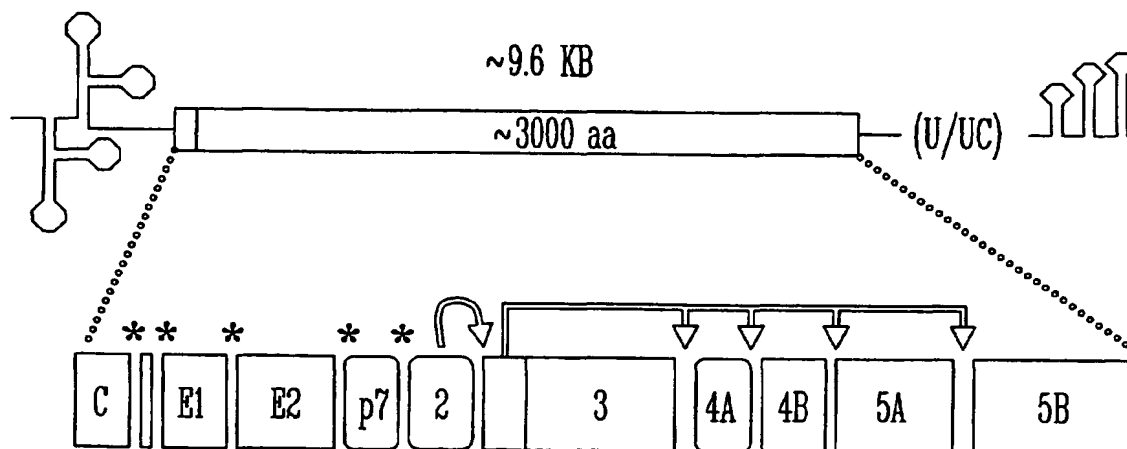
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Hepatitis C virus (HCV) genome organization.



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to hepatitis C virus (HCV). More particularly, the invention relates to the development of a tool suitable for the search, discovery and validation of novel HCV antiviral drugs and therapies (e.g. vaccine). The invention further relates to methods for inducing HCV replication *in vitro*, and more particularly to a simple *in vitro* replication assay of HCV which enables productive and sustained infectious HCV production.